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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ENERGETICALLY SEEKS INTERNATIONAL  
PRESTIGE

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1. DESPITE PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S ANNOUNCED INTENTION NOT  
TO TRAVEL ABROAD DURING 1975, HE WILL BE MEETING A NUMBER  
OF WORLD LEADERS DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR. AMONG THOSE  
PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO VISIT MEXICO DURING NEXT THREE MONTHS  
(WITH TENTATIVE DATES) ARE THE FOLLOWING:

JOSEPH A. WALDING, MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TRADE, NEW ZEALAND  
(MARCH 12-15);

PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ OF VENEZUELA (MARCH 17-22);

FORMER FRG CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT (MARCH 20-24 THUS  
PARTIALLY OVERLAPPING PEREZ);

PRC VICE PREMIER CHEN YUNG-KUEI (MARCH 27-APRIL 4);

SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, EC VICE PRESIDENT (APRIL 16-22);  
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PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE OF TANZANIA (APRIL 23-27);

PRESIDENT LEOPOLD SENGHOR OF SENEGAL (MAY 17-22);

PRIME MINISTER OLAF PALME OF SWEDEN (JUNE);

THE SHAH OF IRAN (MAY 11-16);

PRESIDENT TITO OF YUGOSLAVIA (DATE UNKNOWN);

PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY OF JAMAICA (JUNE).

THERE HAS ALSO BEEN SOME INDICATION THAT PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU OF ROMANIA MAY COME TO MEXICO THIS YEAR. MOST OF THESE PROPOSED VISITS APPEAR FIRM AND THEY WOULD, OF COURSE, FOLLOW UPON THE RECENT STATE VISIT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH AND A BRIEF VISIT BY PRINCE BERNHARD OF THE NETHERLANDS. REFTEL NOTED RABASA'S BUSY SCHEDULE WITH QUEEN ELIZABETH AND YUGOSLAV VISITS.

2. MEXICO IS SEEKING KEY POSITIONS OR CHAIRMANSHIPS FOR GOM REPRESENTATIVES IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORA. THE GOM IS PROPOSING ATTORNEY GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (CND) IN GENEVA, FOR EXAMPLE.

3. MEXICO IS EAGERLY SEEKING TO HOST INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS OF VARIOUS KINDS. (MEXICO HAS RECENTLY HOSTED ILO, OAS/CIECC, REGIONAL POPULATION/WPC, UNIDO MEETINGS AS WELL AS "CHILEAN WAR CRIMES COMMISSION.") IT WILL BE THE SITE FOR THE U.N.-SPONSORED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR NEXT JUNE. THE GOM HAS ALSO CAMPAIGNED HARD TO HOLD THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION MEETING IN MEXICO. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAS INVITED THE CLUB OF ROME TO MEET IN GUANAJUATO THIS YEAR. THE DATES, HOWEVER, ARE UNCERTAIN BECAUSE A NUMBER OF THOSE INVITED HAVE REPORTEDLY DECLINED PLEADING PRESSURE OF SCHEDULES. VARIOUS OTHER CONFERENCES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE HELD HERE BY YEAR'S END.

4. COMMENT: IT IS PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT THE MEXICAN  
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PUSH FOR MORE AND MORE CONFERENCES AND FOR IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS THE STEADY STREAM OF VIP'S VISITING MEXICO, STEM DIRECTLY FROM PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S DETERMINATION TO ENHANCE MEXICAN PRESTIGE AND STANDING, PARTICULARLY AS A THIRD WORLD AND LATIN AMERICAN LEADER. IT ALSO SEEMS CLEAR TO US THAT THESE EFFORTS ARE A PART OF ECHEVERRIA'S CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF HIS "CANDIDACY" FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. REGARDLESS OF

THE MERITS OF SUCH CANDIDACY, IT IS EVIDENT THAT HIS PRIMARY CLAIM TO SUCH RECOGNITION WOULD BE THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (CERDS) WHICH HE SPONSORED. SHOULD ECHEVERRIA IN FACT BE AWARDED THE PRIZE, THE STANDING OF CERDS ITSELF, DESPITE THE OBJECTIONS OF THE U.S. AND A FEW OTHER COUNTRIES TO SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER, WOULD BE ENHANCED. (LOCALLY IT IS FELT THAT IT IS "LATIN AMERICA'S TURN" FOR THE PEACE PRIZE. ONLY OTHER CANDIDATE MENTIONED IS BRAZIL'S DOM HELDER DE CAMARA.) JOVA

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